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Road adjacent to KSR station in shambles

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Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, the busiest railway station in the city, has turned into a perfect example of official neglect, BM has found out.

Foul smell, pothole-ridden roads and unauthorised auto-rickshaws that create traffic bottlenecks, continue to greet passengers as they step out of the station.

Commuters said the Gubbi Thotadappa Road, the stretch in front of the railway station, has been in a dilapidated condition for months now. The pothole-ridden stretch of over half-a-kilometre surely does not paint an impressive picture of the city to visitors arriving at the station.

"This is the first road that an outsider coming to the city via rail encounters upon arrival. Unfortunately, the road that facilitates entry to Bengaluru city is left in a manner that gives a negative impression about the city for thousands of people who arrive here daily," said a commuter at the station.

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"There are public toilets both inside and outside the station; but open urination continues. Authorities should put up a 'no urination' board..." —Geetha, commuter

App Trap

How engineers, health officials at BBMP ended up contacting 'wrong person' through Sahaaya app

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Quite often, hapless residents complain against apathy, negligence and delay of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in redressing grievances or fixing infra-related problems. There are also instances of BBMP engineers closing complaints without fixing issues.

Now, it is the turn of the BBMP to complain against the alleged misuse of Sahaaya 2 app by some miscreants. The civic body is finding it difficult to identify the locations mentioned in 14 complaints lodged on the Sahaaya app. The complainant gave a mobile phone number for the benefit of BBMP to revert. However, engineers and health officials at BBMP ended up contacting the wrong person and now it has become a nuisance for the latter.

Most of the complaints are pertaining to the pathetic condition of roads, garbage management and defunct streetlights. "It has become a nuisance for me to attend phone calls from BBMP engineers and health officials. They are asking me to provide data or location pertaining to the complaints they received. I am finding it difficult to cope with this. I have already complained to the Palike's IT Cell," said the resident in question who wants to remain anonymous.

He said he is apprehensive of the BBMP ignoring, neglecting or even blocking his phone number if he were to lodge a genuine complaint on Sahaaya 2 app in future.

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Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka's vendors pose for a photo to celebrate Independence Day on Banaswadi Main Road

Blood for a cause

A blood donation camp was organized by Maya – the Reality Foundation and Parivarthanum Trust in association with Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on the occasion of Independence Day. The organisers, Vinodh Chennakrishna, Founder and Managing Trustee, Parivarthanum Trust and Ramya MK, Founder and Managing Trustee, Maya – The Reality Foundation, said that they their goal was to get at least 75 people who would donate blood. They have already gotten more than 40 people who have donated blood. They were also looking forward for many other people who would join them and make the camp a success.

–Shreyashi Mukherjee

A drive to remember

Volunteers on Monday organised a blood donation camp at the Khadriya Masjid where over 350-plus units of blood were donated. A team of doctors and other health staff from Mediscope, St Philomenas Hospital and Jeevanraksha carried out the drive. Usman Sharieff, Secretary of Jumma Masjid Trust Board remembered how during the second wave, blood banks were out of blood and people were running helter-skelter. "This will help a large number of people in the four hospitals," he said.

–Iffath Fathima

Held high

An elderly woman wearing a tricolour saree holds the national flag during the flag hoisting by BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel and CM Basavaraj Bommai at Kanteerava Stadium on Monday

For pourakarmikas, it was business as usual

... And they cleaned up B'luru's trash despite demands for paid holiday

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For pourakarmikas, it was a day just like any other. When the city was hoisting flags and people were enjoying a holiday with their loved ones, pourakarmikas were still seen cleaning the streets in the early hours of the day. This is despite several demands by All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) and BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha for a paid holiday on August 15 and other national holidays.

AICCTU Karnataka had written a letter to CM Basavaraj Bommai on Friday, August 12. "When the entire nation is celebrating the national festival with great enthusiasm, the civic workers have to attend to the work that they do every single day without fail. They have to live in the slavery system created by Independent India...

This system needs to be stopped," the letter read.

Parashuram Shinnalkar, BBMP Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) told Bangalore Mirror that on national holidays like Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti, it is a voluntary working day for the pourakarmikas. "It is voluntary for them to work on these days, however, most of them still choose to work in the morning shift. We do provide the day's wages to the workers, plus additional depending on if they have worked half day or full day. For example, if they are choosing to work for the whole day on August 15, they will be double wage for that day according to the guidelines... Apart from the national holidays, the civic workers get six more half days throughout the year, including Diwali, Varamahalakshmi, and other holidays."

Despite those being the rules, there have been several reports in past years as well where the pourakarmikas in certain wards weren't given a leave on national holidays.

Nirmala M, President of BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha, said that the pourakarmikas were not given any choice to work on August 15 or any other national holiday. "It is compulsory to work on these holidays for us. After we wrote a letter to BBMP, we were allowed a half day on August 15 but it wasn't voluntary... There is also no extra wage for the pourakarmikas for working on holidays. If we are working for half a day, they will just pay us half the wage for that day and no extra amount. For the civic workers, it is only the labour that keeps increasing even on holidays, not the wages."

After 2-yr break, make a run for it

After a two-year covid hiatus, the 8th edition of the HSR ten-kilometre freedom run took place on Independence Day and there was a feeling of excitement as participants geared up for the long run. The starting point was the BDA complex.

The freedom run is being organised by Kaagaz foundation since 2013. Kavitha Reddy, trustee of Kaagaz foundation, said, "Being a runner, I wanted to get more women involved as well as other age groups. This run was also done to promote the cause of water conservation. Some of the people who participated in this run would volunteer and go to different schools and colleges to spread the message."

The participants also took part in a zumba warm up before they started their run to get the energy flowing through their bodies.

Raji Thomas, a participant who had taken part previously too, said, "I am a senior citizen and to run with people who are younger than me is a great feeling. The weather was good, and all the arrangements were great. This is a freedom run which signifies freedom of expression in all forms. Moreover, it also empowers the women. We are running with everyone, so there is a feeling of equality."

Participants at HSR's BDA Complex

She also added that she was given special recognition as she was 70 years old.

Dr Satish Kumar, senior endocrinologist and a participant, said, "I always try my best to follow whatever I suggest my patients, so I took part in this run as well. with all the people running together from all age groups, there was a feeling of togetherness."

–Shreyashi Mukherjee

Hosakerehalli Lake gets I-Day clean-up

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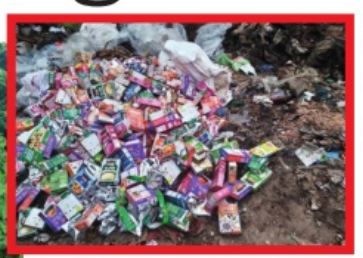
Wearing rubber gloves and masks, a group of residents from Hosakerehalli celebrated Independence Day collecting garbage in trash bags from around the Hosakerehalli Lake. Many lake enthusiasts, activists and community groups in association with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) gathered and carried out a cleaning drive.

The idea was to declutter the waterbody and draw the attention of authorities concerned about its dilapidated condition. Locals say the 53-acre lake has turned into a garbage dump yard.



Activists helped remove the black spots around the Hosakerehalli Lake

"The banks of the lake are filled with trash and the waterbody has turned into a black spot. The lake has a border issue too. Although it is called Hosekerahalli Lake, it falls under the Rajarajeshwari Nagar ward and is being littered by the residents of both the wards," said Rachna Ravi Kiran, a resident of Hosekerahalli who participated in the event.

College students and community groups also participated.

Interestingly, the community also got together last month to clean the water body and spread awareness among the residents on solid waste management. Post the event, while the BBMP officials also imposed fines on the people who dumped garbage around the lake, the waterbody continues to be a black spot.

"However, it continues to stink due to the recent dumping and constant rain," added Kiran.

According to the locals, the lake is choked with sewage flowing in from the nearby commercial and residential establishments. From discarded plastic items to mattresses and animal carcasses, the waterbody receives all kinds of trash. "We have also noticed rotting mushrooms discarded by nearby mushroom farms and hoteliers dumping food debris in and around the lake. There is hardly any oxygen for living organisms," said Manjunath, a volunteer from Into the Wildlife trust.

The lake was recently handed over to BBMP by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA). Residents say the civic body has been promising to rejuvenate the lake; however, no work has started yet.

Free bus ride: All on board

Sharp spike in passengers on day of free service; jams, low frequency stretches wait at bus stops

The scene at Majestic bus station on Monday

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Bus stops were bustling all across the city as passengers queued up to make the most of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) single-day free bus services on Monday. But the wait for buses seemed to be never-ending for some.

An AC bus driver that BM spoke to noted that with the services being free, everyone waiting was jumping aboard. "There was a 50 per cent rise in the number of passengers today. Everyone waiting at the bus stand is boarding AC buses today. We are not issuing any ticket either as it is free," said Jagadish, a BMTC driver for the past 12 years.

Even so, ordinary buses were more jam-packed than AC ones.

A large section of the commuters deboarding at Shantinagar TTMC were passengers going for the flower show. At Kempegowda bus station, teeming buses had no space to take a single passenger aboard. The various processions on the occasion of Independence day further slowed bus movements leading to delays.

"I have been waiting here for almost an hour now. But this is not a new scenario, the waiting period is normal," said Naveen who was travelling from Magasandra to Seva Nagar. Vinay, an IT professional, said he had been waiting for half an hour. "Buses frequency is low and there has been a jump in the number of people," he said.

Another commuter complained that they have been waiting for three hours to board a bus to Chandapura. Some chipped in that it was a well-intentioned proposal, but has affected those who use public bus services to commute.

At Kempegowda bus stop, transport officials had to stop passengers from entering buses to allow the door to be closed.

BMTC officials insisted that it was not low frequency, but traffic jams that had created the delays. "Today there was an unprecedented rise in footfall at all bus stations and there were roadblocks too. At some places, people are waiting for their buses, while some buses are travelling at full capacity. Vayu Vajra is crowded as people are planning picnics at the airport. We have been seeing high footfalls in Vayu Vajra starting from as early as 2 am. As per initial observations, buses to CBD, Lalbagh, South Bengaluru, Sarjapur and Airport areas are full. The issue is not with the frequency but there have been sporadic issues of road blocks due to processions. Due to this, routes leading to Majestic bus station are blocked," said BMTC Director(IT), AV Surya Sen.

Activists say crowds indicate there are takers for affordable service, push for bigger fleet

Without issuing tickets, BMTC has tasked conductors with keeping the tally of ridership. BMTC will calculate the ridership levels to assess the success of the initiative later.

More buses

Mobility activists said BMTC needs to introduce more buses to its fleet. "Bus services are the cheapest and most effective solution to decongest city traffic. The free ride move has introduced a lot of people to the bus services. It's clear that when bus services become affordable, more people flock to it. BMTC should consider doing this regularly. However, there is a shortage of 6,000 buses. To meet the city's requirement, they should have 13,000 buses in total. There is also a need to improve bus services by bringing live-tracking features, rationalisation of routes, etc," said Srinivas Alavilli, Head of Civic Participation, Jannagraha.

Twist in the tale of seer who disappeared from mutt

An incident of the disappearance of a religious seer in the Solur town near Bengaluru took a twist on Monday with devotees and his close circle strongly suspecting that he may have eloped with a newlywed woman.

Lingayat seer, Shivamahanta Swamiji of Solur Gadduge Mutt of Magadi taluk, is suspected to have eloped. According to sources, the swamiji fell in love with a newly wed woman, who was married one-and-half months ago.

Sources said that Harish is 'poorvashram' name (name before becoming sage). After getting 'deeksha' as swamiji, he was appointed as the head of the Solur Mutt.

Sources also said that the missing seer has left a letter behind him. The letter says, he is putting an end to the life of a religious seer and spiritual life. "I do not have peace in my life. I am going

Seer leaves behind letter saying he has developed intense dislike for his present life

away from the present state. I have developed an intense dislike for present life (spirituality)," the swamiji's letter says.

"Hope you (devotees)... you all know the reason. Please do not make any attempt to search for me. After taking off saffron cloth, I will never clad it again in my life," the letter says.

The swamiji has also stated that if any attempt was made to find him out, they will see his dead body.

The devotees are in a dilemma over the present situation and hesitant to approach the police as the issue brings disrepute to the mutt and the newlywed woman and her family, sources said. **IANS**

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People's power: Residents get broken pavement fixed

Citizens reclaim off-limit footpath; get fencing removed, create paved, well-lit path for pedestrians

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The 150 m stretch of the pavement on Millers Tank Bund Road near the Hoysala Apartment, was fenced by the apartment association to prevent illegal activities by miscreants and van drivers

Until a few days back, commuters on Millers Tank Bund Road had no other option but to walk on the road in the face of danger from speeding vehicles. The fenced footpath, adjacent to an apartment complex on the stretch, made it impossible for the pedestrians to use it. But thanks to a citizen initiative, the area now has a paved and well-lit footpath.

The residents of Vasanth Nagar collaborated with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and reclaimed the much-needed pedestrian recently.

While debris lying on the pavement, broken and uneven slabs and part of the footpaths occupied by hawkers are some common nuisances, the 150 m long stretch on Millers Tank Bund Road was a unique case.

The footpath area was fenced by the Hoysala Apartment's resident welfare association a few years ago after taking special permission from the BBMP.

"This issue goes back to when autos and goods carriers used to be parked in the space. That gave rise to some illegal activities in the area causing trouble to the residents of the apartment. The miscreants and van and good vehicle drivers misused the space. That was when we decided to approach the area's MLA. The BBMP then handed over the entire stretch to be used as a garden. We put up a barbed wire fence structure and planted trees and plants," said a resident of the Hoysala apartment.

"People don't have to walk on the road risking their lives. This is the result of close cooperation between citizens and the civic body –Rajkumar Dugar, founder C4C

While the footpath was inaccessible for a long time, the residents noticed it only a few years back.

"Although there was enough space for pedestrians to walk, the area was completely fenced. A deep, almost fully clogged drain, uneven ground, a few trees and the fencing ensured that the only option was to walk on the heavy traffic road. We noticed that the entire pavement was barricaded only last year and decided to take it up," said Priya Chetty Rajagopal, a resident of Vasanth Nagar.

Setting a perfect example of how citizens can benefit from the ward committee functionality, the issue was taken up during one of the ward committee meetings.

The residents reached out to the ward engineer, who sent a note to Hoysala's apartment association.

"Since the Hoysala apartment association was not as plugged into the system, they had no idea how to go about it. However, an issue that started with a video tweet has now ended with a clean, covered and well-lit footpath. People no longer are forced to walk on the road risking their lives. This is a result of positive persistence and close cooperation between citizens and the civic body," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder of C4C, a group that actively participated in the initiative.

Breastfeeding when the baby wants

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With many lactating mothers still finding it difficult to breastfeed their babies in public due to lack of facilities, maternity hospitals in the city have started a petition "Women should be allowed to breastfeed when their baby needs to."

The petition was filed by the Cloudnine Hospitals in Bengaluru, to normalise breastfeeding. The petition has been circulating online, and health professionals from other hospitals as well are signing for the same. So far, the petition on change.org has already gained more than 500 pictures and will be circulated in other states also.

Feeding on demand means following a baby's cues of hunger to breastfeed. Breastfeeding is healthy for the baby and the mother.

"The regular skin-to-skin regulates the baby's temperature, and blood glucose and reduces cortisol, the stress hormone. It also ensures the baby is satiated," said Dr Kishore Kumar, founder, chairman and neonatologist at Cloudnine Group of Hospitals. The Petition said, "In India, breastfeeding in the open is still not accepted. And every time a mother is stared at, taunted, or can't find a private place to feed,

Feeding on demand means following a baby's cues of hunger to breastfeed

a baby and mom's fundamental rights – to privacy, to dignity, to life – are being snatched away."

The petition demands to make breastfeeding a fundamental right for lactating moms and infants by including it in Article 21 (right to protection of life) of the Indian Constitution. Further to make every Indian woman aware of her rights through targeted and PSA communication and to put up signages outside restaurants, malls, parks, transport hubs, and IT parks to include 'breastfeeding allowed'.

The health professionals also demanded public places include sanitised spaces with comfortable chairs for mothers to sit while feeding.

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Pothole menace
Lingarajapuram

Below Lingarajapuram bridge, opposite Charles school, the entire road is full of potholes. No actions have been taken by the authorities.

Encroachment alert
Aditya Nagar

A resident has encroached the main connectivity road on CB Halli, Aditya Nagar, 3rd cross. This is causing trouble for other residents.

Seeping sewage
Gottigere

A sewage channel is broken near the Jeevalaya Institute of Philosophy. No action has been taken by the authorities.

In a pickle over fitness? Try pickleball

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Pickleball, a sport which is a combination of tennis, table tennis, and badminton, is becoming popular among people in the city. Players feel that it is an easy sport which also helps in maintaining their physical fitness.

The game involves two to four players who use paddles to hit a perforated hollow polymer ball over a net.

Rajath Kankar, General secretary, Karnataka State Pickleball Association, said, "After covid, pickleball has been picking up quite well. We are now in six districts of Karnataka, and the sport has been developing for seven years. Currently, there are more than 1.5 lakh people watching the game, and as many as 800 people playing it. Bengaluru has 300 senior players."

He added that more people are getting attracted to this game because there are very few chances of getting injured as they play with gravity and not against it.

Moreover, anyone between the age of eight to eighty can play this sport.

After covid, people have become health conscious, and this is a safe way in which they can take care of their physical health, he explained.

He also said that a lot of doctors encourage people to play this sport since it is a good way to get in cardio exercise.

Gowtham R, a pickleball pro, has won several accolades in the game. He started his journey in his college days. He is currently working in BESCOM, but still making sure to practice the sport every day.

He said, "I started playing it first for fitness, but gradually I got very interested in this game. I am working, but thrice a week I keep myself free to practice the sport, or if there are any days off, I will use it for practicing. This game is very unique, it is safe for even senior citizens to play. It is a game which is played individually and does not require teams unlike cricket or football."

Gowtham has won several awards for pickleball and has even represented Karnataka in a lot of pickleball championships like RYP ranking All India Tournament (Pune), and India Open – Season 2 (Jaipur).

Kavya J, another pickleball player also started playing pickleball in her college days.

She said, "I was a badminton player and throwball player, so playing pickleball was quite easy, and after playing I realised that it is quite a fun game. Now I am addicted to it. I participated in the Gujarat pickleball tournament, which was at the national level, and won a silver medal. This game has a lot of opportunities for women and there is no retirement as such. When I saw the senior players playing the game with so much enthusiasm, I was all the more inspired."

Romila Joshi, a resident of Whitefield, said, "I recently got to know about pickleball from youtube and it inspired me so much. I am in my 50s and it feels good to know that there are sports that I can participate in."

More people are taking up the sport as it has a relatively low risk of causing injury

B'luru PGs race to catch them young

Campfires, barbecues, EVs are among facilities being offered by PGs to up their 'cool factor'

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Staying in Bengaluru as a youngster has changed exponentially. Rooftop barbecues, camp fires, OTT connections, and EV rides are some of the latest offerings made by paying guest (PG) owners in the city to woo young crowds. With many colleges and tech companies allowing students/employees to work from home since the last two years due to Covid, PGs and service apartment owners have taken a big hit.

Now, with people returning to campuses, PGs, and service apartments, owners are going all out to lure potential clients. They are competing with each other to offer more 'value added facilities'.

A PG owner near Acharya College of Engineering, Sasuveghatta said that millennials demand more, which is why they are forced to offer more.

"We have tied up with an EV bike company. The students who stay here can avail these bikes at affordable rates. The bikes will be available on demand and we also offer a battery swapping facility. This helps the students who stay here to easily travel to any part of the city," he said.

Another PG near the area is offering 'chill out zones'.

"We are offering chill out zones where students can literally relax in the evening and on holidays. We are also providing them with a roof top barbecue facility. Many students have been asking us to provide this. We are also offering camp fires. If we offer these kinds of facilities, only then will we be able to attract more and more students", Avinash, another PG owner told BM.

Some city PGs are offering provisions for residents to enjoy a barbecue in their premises

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>
> – PG owner

Suresh Kumar, who also runs a PG, said that for a long time, PGs had been offering accommodation based on the tenant's requirement. Most PGs would offer single, double, or triple sharing options. However, college students are demanding more now.

"Earlier, we used to have a single TV in the common room which could be used by everyone, but now they want OTT channels on it. We have subscribed to apps like Netflix and Hotstar. As this is a very competitive market, we can survive only if we offer attractive value-added packages to customers," he explained.

Other facilities offered include mini gyms, RO treated water, study rooms, libraries, free Wi-Fi, home theatres, refrigerators in all rooms, customised meal booking apps, and kitchens.

Panduranga S, another PG owner, told BM that they had suffered major losses in the last two years as they had to pay rent even if they did not have any customers.

Now, with colleges opening up, many are returning to Bengaluru, but the number of PGs, independent houses, and service apartments have also increased.

In order to attract a good number of customers, PGs are forced to offer facilities which are most sought after by the students, he said, adding that money is not a criteria for many students.

Kartik S, a student from Koramangala, said, "Many of us want to prefer to stay in a comfortable place. Most of the PGs charge exorbitant rates, and why should we compromise on facilities when we are already paying so much rent?"

Another student, Sandeep R, said that not every PG is offering the best facilities.

He added that a lot of offers are made at first, but once they move into the PG, they are forced to stay with sub-standard food and in unhygienic conditions.

Producers' assn prez has his task cut out

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After much delay, elections for the office-bearers of the Kannada Film Producers' Association (KFPA) were held on Sunday as per Karnataka High Court's direction and Umesh Banakar (**pic**) was elected as president unanimously.

Banakar told BM his top priority is to create awareness among aspiring Kannada film producers on the issues in the industry.

"Many people invest money to make Kannada movies. Most lose money due to lack of basic knowledge on making, marketing and distributing Kannada movies. They are being misguided by people with vested interests. I will organise seminars and meetings for their benefit," said Banakar.

On the other pressing issue of regulating the release of movies, Banakar said of the five to six movies that are released on Thursday or Friday every week, barring one or two movies, most are not even screened from Monday onwards. "A committee of Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) to regulate the release of Kannada movies has now become defunct. I shall discuss this issue with the KFCC president. We have to protect Kannada movie producers' interests and give an alternative plat- form to those who cannot release their movies at theaters," Banakar said.

He said the number of single screen theaters has come down drastically as maintaining a theater is not viable. "Earlier, there were more than 1,000 theaters in the state. Now, there are around 600 single screen theaters and it is not clear how many are screening movies. We have to address this issue on a priority basis," he said.

He said that he would organise a meeting to discuss reintroducing health insurance for film producers. KFPA introduced health insurance for producers in December 2102 when Munirathna (now Minister) was its president. Health insurance cards were given to around 150 producers. He added that another priority was to complete the construction of the KFPA building.

The glass is half-empty, say schools

Schools' diktat to prevent half-day leaves has left parents flustered

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Several schools in the city are sending out 'strange' diktat. From here on, these schools will not sanction half-day leaves. The note sent out to parents reads: "Dear Parents, Please be informed that if students are not feeling well let them not come to school. Once they come, irrespective of their health they will not be sent home. There is no half day."

Defending this controversial circular, a school principal said for the last two years, they had hybrid classes and now have full fledged classes. "With the flu season on, we are seeing a lot of absenteeism.

However, many parents are mustering courage to send their kids to school even if they are unwell," the principal said. The principal said that in such cases, taking care of the sick child becomes the school's responsibility and they also have to worry about the other kids who may catch the infection.

"So, on a daily basis, we are forced to call the parents to take the child back home. On the other hand, many parents call us up requesting that their wards be allowed to get back home after a half-day. For this, we have to arrangements to deploy a person to get the child back home. We also need to issue half day passes which unnecessarily strain our resources. So, we have issued this notice to parents," they said.

Another school principal said parents must either send a student to school or don't send them at all. "Half a day of school means that a student may not learn anything properly. Many times, even if the kid says that s/he wants to go half a day, many parents may not be in a position to pick them up. There are many kids who come to school in the school buses. So, we are not in a position to send a separate bus to drop the kids back home," the principal said.

However, parents are not convinced. "Such a restriction is uncalled for. Many times, children are perfectly fine in the morning and so we send them to school. However, if the child develops symptomatic fever in the afternoon, then no one is to be blamed. As there are no online classes, we are forced to send kids to school. So, schools cannot dictate that they won't allow half day," said Pavitra Gowda, a parent.

Flight delayed over mobile chat between couple

A Mangaluru-Mumbai flight was delayed by six hours after a woman passenger raised an alarm about a suspicious text message received on the mobile phone of a fellow traveller here. All the passengers were asked to alight from the aircraft and their luggage was thoroughly checked for any sabotage before the IndiGo flight was allowed to leave for Mumbai on Sunday evening, police said.

A woman passenger noticed a message on the mobile phone of a man onboard the flight and brought this to the notice of the cabin crew.

The crew alerted the Air Traffic Controller and the flight that was ready to take off returned to the bay. The man was chatting with his girlfriend who was to catch a flight to Bengaluru from the same airport. The man was later not allowed to board the flight due to the questioning that lasted for several hours, while his girlfriend missed her flight to the capital city.

All the 185 passengers were later reboarded on the Mumbai-bound flight after thorough checking of the baggage and the aeroplane left at 5 pm.

No complaint has been filed till late night as it was a friendly chat between two friends over security, city police commissioner N Shashi Kumar said. **PTI**

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I, NEHA PRASAD alias NEHA PRASAD KESHAV (old name) resident at No. 75, Purva Parkridge, Sparkling Nest Road, Mahadevapura Bengaluru-560048, Karnataka, have changed my name as NEHA MAZUMDAR, vide affidavit dated 12.08.2022 sworn before notary Rajanna S. M, Bengaluru.

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Why Sahaaya app isn't helping

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"I do not know who is the person misusing my phone number. I am of the opinion that BBMP engineers may not take my grievance seriously if I lodge a complaint on Sahaaya 2 and provide my mobile phone number in future," he said.

Meanwhile, Nagesh of BBMP IT cell said there is no facility to identify the person furnishing wrong mobile phone number while lodging a complaint on Sahaaya 2 app against poor infrastructure, bad condition of roads or garbage issues. "There is no other option than blocking the particular mobile phone number mentioned in all the complaints lodged on Sahaaya 2 app. It will be inconvenient to the person who has that specific mobile phone number. BBMP engineers can't afford to waste time by calling the wrong people," he said.

However, Sai Datta, a social activist who has been complaining four to five times to the BBMP control room against the menace of flexes and banners in the city, said the civic body should not wait to fix a problem till a resident brings it to its notice. "There is no need for the citizens to complain if the BBMP addresses civic issues on time. I want the BBMP to strengthen control rooms with well-trained staff. There have been occasions when the BBMP control room crew have been giving wrong phone numbers," he said.

Balaji Raghotham, an environmentalist, said BBMP's Sahaaya 2 is of no use. "I don't want to lodge a complaint on Sahaaya 2 app because there is no proper follow up by the authorities concerned. We receive the replay as 'ticket closed' without the BBMP engineer attending the problem," said Raghotham.

What awaits you at KSR station

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The entrance to the station from the stretch is always chaotic, according to commuters. They blamed it on the haphazard parking by the auto-rickshaws and taxis. "This was the situation every time I visited the station. It only exposes the station authority's failure. They have not been able to control the parking menace even when it has been there for months," said Ramesh, another commuter.

Despite regular complaints and instructions issued by the authorities regarding auto-rickshaws parking at the entrance of the station, the situation continues to trouble commuters as they find it difficult to enter the station amidst the chaos. Some passengers BM spoke to said it also results in people reaching the station late and running the risk of missing their trains on account of avoidable obstructions and slow movement of traffic.

"Every time I have visited the station, I have to manoeuvre a bottleneck thanks to autos and cabs just outside the station. Many times, while I am already late to catch a train, this has put me in a terrible situation. While there is always a traffic police vehicle standing guard and a traffic official asking the auto drivers to vacate the place, none of them pay heed to such instructions," said Ravi Taneja, a regular at the station.

Residents complained of an open urination spot just outside the station along the Gubbi Thotadappa Road. This is despite the facility of a clean and well-maintained public toilet on the other side of the double road.

"The spot leaves an odour in the vicinity and poses a health hazard. While there are public toilets both inside and outside the station, open urination continues. The authorities should at least put up a 'no urination' board near the spot," said Geetha, a frequent commuter.

"Both BBMP and traffic police should act quickly and effectively to provide a model road and footpath along this 600-metre stretch which experiences heavy traffic flow regularly," added Geetha.

Electric cars, by Ola
Ola Electric on Monday said it will foray into the electric car segment with plans to launch its first model by 2024

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METAVERSE IS HISTORY

It's not really the Next Big Thing as it already has rich past

Nattie's metaverse romance began with anonymous texting. At first "C" would admit only to living in a nearby town. Nattie then learned "Clem" was a man with a solitary office job like hers. For Nattie "lived in two worlds" – the world of office tedium and an online world where "she did not lack social intercourse."

Texting drew them closer: Nattie realised "she had woven a sort of romance about him who was a friend 'so near and yet so far'." Their relationship almost failed when Clem's co-worker visited Nattie's office pretending to be Clem, but the deceit was exposed in time for their "romance of dots and dashes" to succeed.

With that last sentence I gave away the ending to "Wired Love," source of the quotes above. Published in 1879, Ella Thayer's novel of "the telegraphic world" makes remarkable predictions. Yet "Wired Love" is planted firmly during the time of what journalist Thomas Standage aptly termed the "Victorian Internet." Many aspects of the current metaverse were already familiar 143 years ago.

What's old is new

History is more than fun facts: It deeply shapes ways of thinking and acting. As an anthropologist who's been studying virtual worlds for almost two decades, I've found that the metaverse's rich past shapes what too often appears unprecedented.

This isn't accidental. The contemporary metaverse is owned and developed by corporations whose profit models demand focus on the Next Big Thing, sidelining history.

At its core, the metaverse is defined by the concept of the virtual world. As "Wired Love" illustrates, the telegraph and later the telephone constitute early virtual worlds. Multi-user dungeons, or MUDs, arose in the second half of the 20th century. These virtual worlds appeared on local computer networks in the late 1970s, and entered dial-up internet services in the 1980s and 1990s. Richard Bartle, co-creator of the first MUD, noted that by 1993 over 10% of all internet traffic was on MUDs. Virtual worlds with graphics, including avatars, date back to Habitat, launched in 1985.

With advent of broadband in the 2000s, many aspects of metaverse became established. Metaverse observers like Wagner James Au have emphasized how many "new" developments have rehashed long-standing debates.

Real estate and the laws of virtual physics

Consider what metaverse history reveals about virtual real estate. Pundits enthuse about the virtual "land rush" and emphasise location. For instance, virtual world The Sandbox sells plots for around $2,300, but in December 2021 someone paid $450,000 to buy land next to a virtual mansion owned by rap star Snoop Dogg.

Why the price spike? Co-founder Sebastien Borget explained that The Sandbox has a finite number of plots, and people can access only adjacent plots.

I believe that The Sandbox is deeply indebted to the virtual world Second Life, where spaces to practice building have been termed "sandboxes" since its 2002 launch.

Second Life originally had "point-to-point teleportation" (P2P). You could arrive anywhere in an instant. But in 2003 Linden Lab, the company that owns Second Life, disabled P2P. Residents trying to reach a destination would appear at the nearest "telehub."

This had implications for real estate. Valuable for businesses and entertainment, plots of land near telehubs sold for top dollar — until 2005, when Linden Lab suddenly announced the end of telehubs and the return of P2P. Land near former telehubs no longer had special value; some people lost thousands of dollars. The most powerful landlord can't change the laws of physics, but Linden Lab could literally recode scarcity out of existence.

Fast-forward almost 20 years. Land next to Snoop Dogg's virtual mansion is scarce: A plot could cost $450,000 because The Sandbox doesn't have P2P. But were the company to add P2P, that $450,000 investment could become nearly worthless. That pundits have tended to ignore this reveals the danger of forgetting metaverse history.

Sensory or social?

Another example of metaverse history's importance concerns the idea of virtual environments. Virtual worlds don't just connect places; they're places in their own right. People played chess using the telegraph 150 years ago; those virtual chessboards weren't on either end of the wire. In 1992 Bruce Sterling noted phone calls don't take place in the phones. They take place in a virtual environment: "The place between the phones. The indefinite place out there, where two human beings, actually meet and communicate."

In 1990, Habitat's founders concluded that the metaverse is defined more by the interactions among people within it than by the technology that creates it. They were skeptical of virtual reality technologies, noting "the almost mystical euphoria that currently seems to surround all this hardware is, in our opinion, both excessive and somewhat misplaced."

At issue isn't VR's potential, but the Matrix-like idea that sensory immersion is necessary to the metaverse in every instance. The key distinction is between sensory immersion and social immersion. The idea that virtual environments need VR misunderstands "immersion." It's also ableist, since not all can see or hear. The metaverse's history indicates that social immersion is the metaverse's foundation.

From history

The metaverse has a long way to go, but it already has a long history. Proximity and immersion are just two examples of crucial topics this history can demystify.

(Tom Boellstorff, University of California, The Conversation)

The contemporary metaverse is overwhelmingly owned and developed by corporations whose profit models demand focus on the Next Big Thing. This typically sidelines history – with massive financial and social implications

BITS & BYTES

BREATHING SPACE

Keeping astronauts breathing aboard the International Space Station (ISS) and other space vehicles is a complicated and costly process. An international team of scientists have proposed a potentially better way to make oxygen for astronauts in space using magnetism.

The study, published in npj Microgravity, demonstrates for the first time that gas bubbles can be 'attracted to' and 'repelled from' a simple neodymium magnet in microgravity by immersing it in different types of aqueous solution.

The research could open up new avenues for scientists and engineers developing oxygen systems as well as other space research involving liquid-to-gas phase changes. **IANS**

ALL ABOUT VLC BAN

The quiet ban on open source, cross-platform VLC media player website by the government in India may have been the result of a "China connection" as a hacker group with Beijing links infiltrated VLC Media Player with a malware to hack devices.

According to cyber-security researchers at Symantec, the Cicada victims are found in India, the US, Canada, Israel, Hong Kong and several other countries.

In April, the Cicada group attacked several countries, targeting high-profile victims. The researchers at Symantec found that the China-based attackers used VLC Media Player to install a malware on compromised devices. **IANS**

MUSK WRITES

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has become the first foreigner to write an article for the official magazine of the Cyberspace Administration of China, the country's top internet watchdog.

According to South China Morning Post, Musk's article titled "Believe in technology, create a better future," was published in 'China Wangxin' magazine. The magazine "invites government officials, professors and state-owned enterprise executives to contribute articles." Tesla makes roughly 25% of its revenue in China. Tesla was the third biggest automaker in mainland China in the first half of this year.

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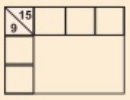
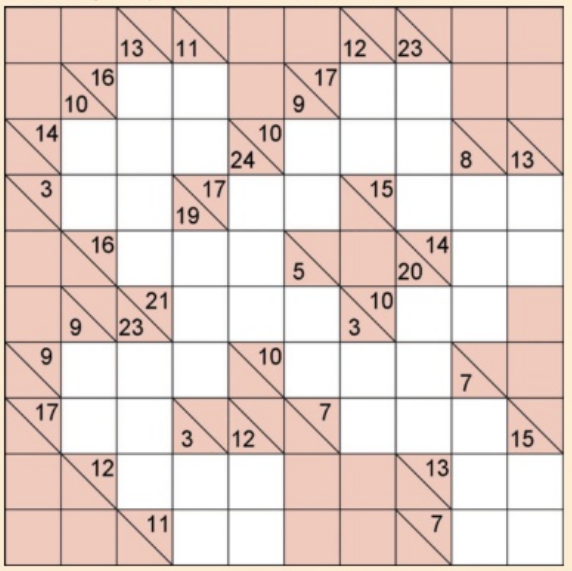


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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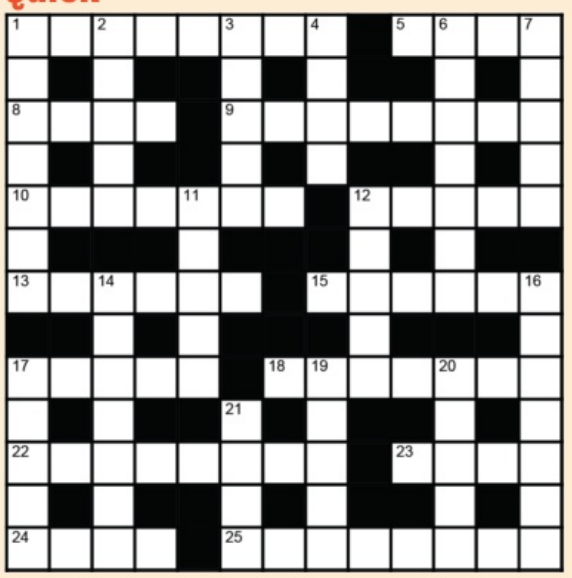


ACROSS

1 Travel document (8)
5 A young cow (4)
8 Thick-headed stick (4)
9 Struggle awkwardly (8)
10 Hostile feeling, animosity (3-4)
12 Gross amount (5)
13 Frodo or Bilbo in Lord of The Rings (6)
15 In disagreement or at variance? (2,4)
17 Trust (5)
18 Adhesive label (7)
22 Representative samples (8)
23 Shirt fastener? (4)
24 Plant the lawn (4)
25 Treachery (8)

DOWN

1 Somewhat hungry (7)
2 Light oar for one hand (5)
3 Entrails, etc (5)
4 Stepped (4)
6 Checked the accounts? (7)
7 Ferocious (5)
11 Of Celtic descent? (5)
12 With all voices or instruments together, musically speaking ? (5)
14 Turn "a bridge" around to get a popular road (7)
16 Fruit-filled pastry (7)
17 Feudal estates (5)
19 The idiot box (2,3)
20 Young domestic cat (5)
21 Not sincere (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS G

PR POX PHIHU LDU OXMH-PLPHDF XTXACPOHDF HM HIWRMMHSNX SXELZMX HP MXXIM MR.

Linemaro

I love the way you move

Mindchow

All generalisations are bad

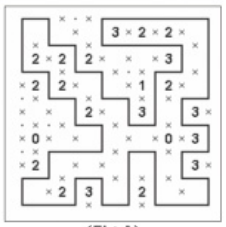
Joke of the day

A gentleman is a man who can play the accordion but doesn't

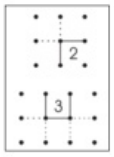
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



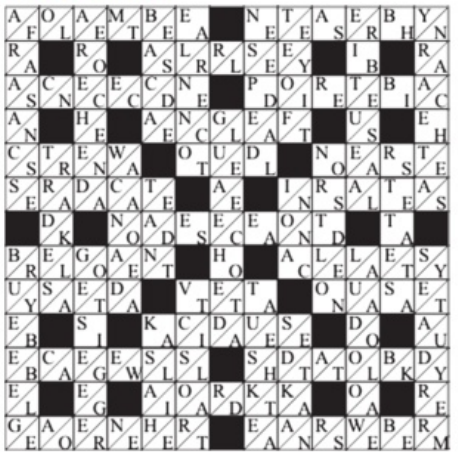
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 P	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

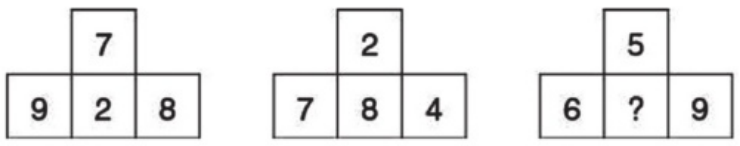
1 Spers; 6 Are at;
7 Lac it; 8 Tents;
9 Irk my

DOWN

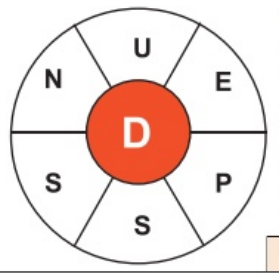
1 Prims; 2 Citer;
3 Arete; 4 Tanks;
5 Slaty

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

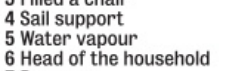
SudokuChallenge

	4		7		2		8	
	7			6			1	
6		2		8		9		5
1								7
4			1		9			2
2								9
8		6		7		5		3
	9			3			4	
	2		6		5		9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 21

3 5 5 8

Medium = 14

4 4 5 9

Hard = 5

3 6 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fingers are not showing. 2. Envelope is missing. 3. Bag is smaller. 4. Woman is thinner. 5. House is wider. 6. Hat is different.

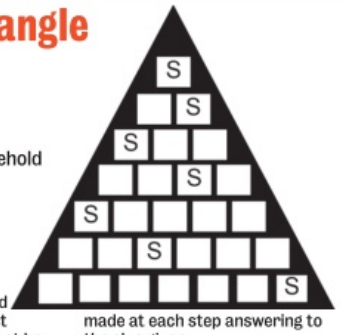
Riddler

Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast – Hip, move the 's' from 'Boast' to 'Hip' creating two synonyms: Boat – Ship.

1. Clock – Lose
2. Font – Heard
3. Snaked – Tripped

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 Good _ it gets
3 Filled a chair
4 Sail support
5 Water vapour
6 Head of the household
7 Bazaars



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 6-13-22
After a month of quality time with my family, I've decided to come out of retirement for a few more seasons.

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

TRUST ME... BITCOINS WOULD BE A GREAT INVESTMENT!
THEY USED TO BE WORTH AROUND $1,000 A COIN, AND NOW THEY'RE WORTH MORE THAN $60,000!
WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS INVEST IN TIME TRAVEL RESEARCH SO WE CAN GO BACK IN TIME AND BUY BITCOINS WHEN THEY WERE $1,000!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may meet some influential person, who may help you in your work. Your network will expand with the help of that person. You are likely to prepare yourself to implement new ideas into your work or business. You will plan to invest more capital into your business which may lead to financial gains in the near future. In terms of domestic life, you will be busy with family get together and social events.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your mother's health will improve today. Your hard work is finally going to pay off and your social network will widen. The workload will make you mentally tired and you are likely to miss some family events.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you will be satisfied with your performance at work and are likely to plan a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to find and maintain your inner peace. Your gurus will show you the right path, which may give you clarity in life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may feel dull today and it is advised to keep your mind cool. Think twice before you act. You will have to travel, this will lead to financial gains. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Plans of renovating your house might be made. You may buy some artefacts, which will improve your social status. You may also invest in properties and other assets. You are likely to enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse. Singles may find a soulmate. People who are already in a relationship may take some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a good day for you. Chronic health issues related to family members will be cured. Working people are likely to have some monetary incentives which will improve their financial health. Job seekers may get jobs with the help of a relative or friend. Students are likely to take some help from their friends in terms of academics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You are likely to be busy with your kids today. You may hear some good news in terms of kids' education. You may buy some stuff for your home or office to maintain your social status. You are advised to be wise while buying any household stuff or jewellery.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be impatient, which will reflect in your way of working. There may be some silly mistakes, hammering your work. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for some days. But with the help of the elder's blessings, you may come out of a messy situation. In the evening, you will feel more focused on your work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success. Your subordinates may help you. You are likely to go for short work-related travel. Some good news may come from your sibling. You may plan to renovate your house or office.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your savings. You may be more creative today, you may use your creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. Love birds are likely to get some support from their family members and friends for marriage.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You will be able to gain control of a messy situation. You may feel peace of mind. You may be able to make a proper balance in expenditure and earnings, which may increase in savings. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their higher studies.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may face health issues, which may make you impatient. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless things. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to avoid any arguments.

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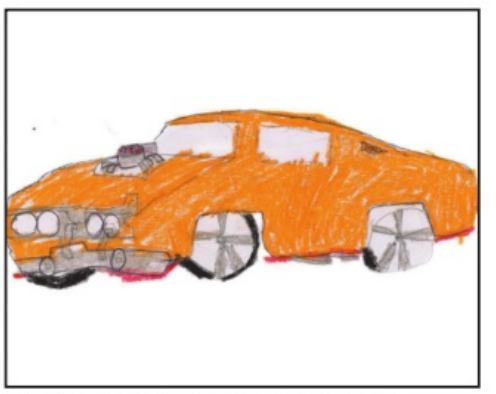

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SOLVE IN 1M
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= -8(4-3×4+2)
= -8(4-12+2)
= -8(4-6)
= -8×(-2)
= 16

QUOTE UNCODE
To the timid and hesitating everything is impossible because it seems so.

BULL'S EYE
dune, dupe, nude, send, sped, spend, spud, sued, SUSPEND, used

FAST FIVE

P	R	E	S	S
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I	C	T	A	L
S	T	E	N	T
M	I	R	K	Y

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
4: 6 × 9 = 54 (reading down the middle two blocks)

RIDDLER
1. Lock – Close,
2. Front – Head,
3. Naked – Stripped

SUDOKU

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9	7	8	5	6	3	2	1	4
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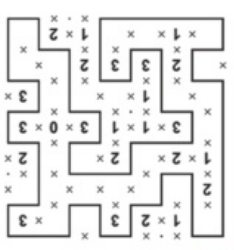
7	9	5	2	3	8	6	4	1
3	2	4	6	1	5	7	9	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sat, Mast, Steam, Master, Markets.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 8 + 3 + 5 = 21
Medium
9 + 4 + 5 – 4 = 14
Hard
6 x 3 – 9 – 4 = 5

LOOP



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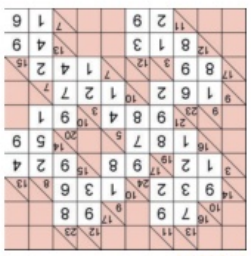

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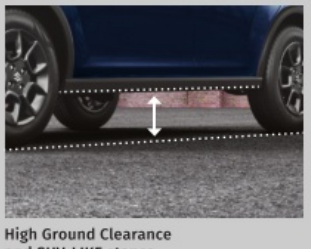

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